

House File 597

H-1041

1 Amend House File 597 as follows:

2 1. Page 2, by striking lines 11 through 33 and inserting:

3 <9. a. Beginning July 1, 2006, each school district shall
4 have a qualified teacher librarian who shall be licensed by
5 the board of educational examiners under chapter 272. Each
6 school district shall establish a kindergarten through grade
7 twelve library program that is consistent with the educational
8 standards established in this section, contains only
9 age-appropriate materials, and supports the student achievement
10 goals of the total school curriculum. The qualified teacher
11 librarian, working with students, teachers, support staff, and
12 administrators, shall direct the library program and provide
13 services and instruction in support of the curricular goals of
14 each attendance center. The qualified teacher librarian shall
15 be a member of the attendance center instructional team with
16 special expertise in identifying resources and technologies to
17 support teaching and learning. The qualified teacher librarian
18 and classroom teachers shall collaborate to develop, teach, and
19 evaluate attendance center curricular goals with an emphasis
20 on all of the following:

21 (1) Promoting inquiry and critical thinking.

22 (2) Providing information literacy learning experiences to
23 help students access, evaluate, use, create, and communicate
24 information.

25 (3) Enhancing learning and teaching through technology.

26 (4) Promoting literacy through reader guidance and
27 activities that develop capable and independent readers.

28 b. The library programs established pursuant to paragraph
29 "a" shall be regularly reviewed and revised and shall be
30 designed to meet all of the following goals:

31 (1) To provide for methods to improve library collections to
32 meet student and staff needs.

33 (2) To make connections with parents and the community.

34 (3) To support the school district's school improvement
35 plan.

1 (4) To provide access to or support for professional
2 development for the qualified teacher librarian.

3 (5) To provide current technology and electronic resources
4 to ensure that students become skillful and discriminating
5 users of information.

6 (6) To include a current and diverse collection of fiction
7 and nonfiction materials in a variety of formats to support
8 student and curricular needs.

9 (7) To include a plan for annually updating and replacing
10 library materials, supports, and equipment.

11 c. The board of directors of each school district shall
12 adopt policies to address selection and reconsideration of
13 school library materials, confidentiality of student library
14 records, and legal and ethical use of information resources,
15 including plagiarism and intellectual property rights.

16 d. The state board shall establish in rule a definition
17 of and standards for an articulated sequential kindergarten
18 through grade twelve media program.

19 e. A school district that entered into a contract with an
20 individual for employment as a media specialist or librarian
21 prior to June 1, 2006, shall be considered to be in compliance
22 with this subsection until June 30, 2011, if the individual
23 is making annual progress toward meeting the requirements
24 for a teacher librarian endorsement issued by the board of
25 educational examiners under chapter 272. A school district
26 that entered into a contract with an individual for employment
27 as a media specialist or librarian who holds at least a
28 master's degree in library and information studies shall be
29 considered to be in compliance with this subsection until the
30 individual leaves the employ of the school district.>

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